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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the response to the first Office Action dated July 26, 2000. Please  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2000 in which the Examiner: (1) affirmed applicant's provisional election, with traverse, to prosecute claims relating to the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I; (2) objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a); (3) rejected pending claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 2; and (4) rejected claims 1-12 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). The present application as originally filed contained claims 1-21. Claims 1-10, 12 and 18-20, of which claims 1 and 18 are independent claims, remain pending. Applicant has addressed the Examiner's objection to the drawings and claim rejections and respectfully requests that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn and respectfully submits that pending claims 1-10, 12 and 18-20 are in condition for allowance.